

CELEBRATION OF LIFE



Ernestine Mother
OLIVER CLARK
DECEMBER 13, 1935 - DECEMBER 19, 2023

PORT SALERNO CHURCH OF GOD
4605 SE COVE ROAD STUART, FLORIDA 34997

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 30, 2023 | 12:00 NOON

BISHOP GLENFORD E. HUTCHINSON | HOST PASTOR
BISHOP RICARDO D. WEAVER, SR. | OFFICIATING



LIFE REFLECTIONS



On Friday, December 13, 1935, in the quaint town of Girard, Georgia, a part of the Augusta metropolitan area, Abbie and Mose Oliver, Sr. gave birth to Ernestine. The fourth born out of 15, the second eldest girl, “Ernest” as she would be affectionately known, was a bright and bold personality. From a very early age, Ernestine was set apart, as a responsible, nurturing, caring, generous, disciplinary.

Ernestine, from her inception, radiated a stern but loving presence. This consistent personality, over the years, was her badge of honor; in which nearly everyone who interacted with her, would come to absolutely respect about her. She received her early education in the Burke County School System.

Growing up with the uncompromising values of family and work, Ernestine worked tirelessly in the hospitality industry as a housekeeper, cook, and companion; notably working for the Aycock Family of Martin County, Florida. In 1952, she married her lifelong partner and soulmate, James E. Clark, Sr., in which they upheld their sacred Union for 71 Years. In 1958, Ernestine and her family relocated to Port Salerno, Florida, where she raised all her children, and made the beloved New Monrovia Community her permanent residence. In her community, she intentionally engaged being a steward of it’s preservation by being a founding member of the Concerned Citizens of New Monrovia (Community Development Board), a proud member, and the Mother, of City Church (formerly Bethlehem Baptist Church), Grandmother (Caregiver/Mentor) to the homeless mothers and children of Treasure Coast’s MISS, INC., apart of several community prayer groups, and a fearlessly vocal advocate for the safety, and rights, of the community she called home.

She was deeply adored by her family. Ernestine was Vice President of the Orlando chapter's MCFO Reunion; and, in 2021, inducted in the National Hall of Fame.

On Tuesday, December 19, 2023, approximately 5:30pm, in the comfort of her home, 6 days after celebrating the golden age of 88 years old, Ernestine transitioned from earth to glory; where she now joins that great cloud of witness. She was preceded in death by her parents, Abbie and Mose Oliver, Sr.; her lovingly devoted husband of 71 years, James Elliott Clark, Sr.; 2 sons, Edward W. Clark and James E. Clark, Jr.; siblings, Mose Oliver, Jr., Daisey Longley, Lillie Pearl Cole, Carrie Wright, Willie Mae Oliver-Gray, Roy Houston, Willie Oliver, Rommie Oliver, and Katie Mae Wallace.

Left to cherish her legacy of love is her children, Pastor Sylvia Clark Taylor and James W. Clark (Renee); children-of-the-heart, Rev. Melva Wilson (Deacon Alex), Albert Oliver, Jr., and Dr. Beverly Johnson; her grandchildren, Victor Clark, Kenesha Clark, Kiandra Clark-Gilliam (Jason), Edward Clark (Denise), Angelica Clark, Jazmin Clark, Jayme Clark, Janell Clark, Kareem Chivers (Kemba), Nicholas Chivers (Natasha), James Carter, Jr., and Ricardo Weaver, Jr.; 10 great-grandchildren; her siblings, James Oliver, Abraham Oliver (Pat), Geneva Houston, Barbara Stringer, Apostle Abbie Knight (Keith), and Joe Louis Oliver; her brother-in-law, Kenneth Clark; god-children, Doris Newkirk, Willie Newkirk, and Lenore Newkirk-Leonard; special friends, Mother Lois Newkirk, Margaret Patton, Pricilla Minnis, and Rev. Wendy McGahee-Solomon; her phenomenal caretakers, Solonge Louis, Luz Sanjurjo and Felix Aponte; her loving church family, City Church, Stuart, Florida, where her beloved Leader, Bishop Ricardo D. Weaver, Sr., pastored her for nearly 2 decades; a host of relatives and friends.

Mother Ernestine OLIVER CLARK



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ORDER OF SERVICE

PASTOR CLARENCE OLIVER; MODERATOR

Processional

Final Glance

Selection: City Church

Prayer of Comfort: Apostle Abbie Knight

Scripture Readings

Old Testament: Dr. Yolanda Adkins

New Testament: Minister Levayn Oliver

Solo: Oveta Clark

Tributes & Reflections

Sibling: Abraham Oliver, Sr.

**Children of the Heart: Rev. Melva & Dec. Alex Wilson
Grandchildren**

Neighbor: Elder Alfred Patton

Fellow Board Member: Gary Reed

Employers: Schonna Greene & Wade Aycock

Children: Pastor Sylvia Taylor & James Clark

Solo: Minister Martha Levarity

Acknowledgements: Thorne's Mortuary

Celebration Medley: Bishop James Byrd

Words Of Comfort: Bishop Ricardo D. Weaver, Sr.

Recessional



*Together
Again...*





PALLBEARERS

**JAMES CLARK
EDWARD CLARK
THADDEUS CLARK**

**RUDOLF COLE
ABRAM OLIVER
ABRAHAM OLIVER**

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

THE CLARK FAMILY WISHES TO EXTEND THEIR DEEPEST GRATITUDE FOR EVERYONE'S PRAYERS, KINDNESS, AND GENEROSITY SHARED WITH THEM IN THIS DIFFICULT TIME. MAY GOD BLESS YOU ALL BEYOND MEASURE.

INTERMENT

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